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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 16, 2020



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard
that it was said to your
ancestors, Do not take
a false oath, but make
good to the Lord all
that you vow."
- Mt 5:33

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word "commitment" mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus' teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else's decision. But we can't be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life's journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday 3:15 p.m. — 3:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-748-4560) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-9553.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 15 — 16, 2020

USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4PM MASS

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the soul of Iva Lindburg request of Lynn Mancino

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 – 8:50 A.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal. All youth are welcome

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for the souls of Barbara and Donald Sullivan — request of Patrick and Daniel Sullivan

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 — NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 — NO MASS

7:00 P.M. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING in the Parish Center

**7:15 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL
New members are most welcome**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

**7:00 P.M. ST. MAURICE BIBLE STUDY in the Sacristy
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4PM MASS

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

**Discussion session for the book “Rediscover the Saints” after 4:00 P.M. Mass in the church basement.
Snow date February 29th.**

SNOW DAYS

Weekday morning Mass will be cancelled if Bolton schools are closed or postponed 2 hours because of weather or road conditions.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



Two discussion sessions for the book “Rediscover the Saints” will be held next weekend.

The first session will be on **Saturday, February 22nd after the 4:00 pm mass** in the Church basement. Snow date, February 29.

The second session will be held **Sunday February 23 at 9:00 am** in the parish center.

Snow date March 1st.

Everyone is invited. Simply read the book, and come share your thoughts and impressions.



PEN FUNDRAISER REPORT

The Fellowship Circle is pleased to announce that our St. Maurice pens fundraiser has been completed. Donations for 500 pens totaling \$3,478.27 have been received. We wish to thank you all for your very generous donations.

We will continue to accept donations for a limited number of CD’s at a minimum \$20.00 donation. CD’s will continue to be available after the weekend Masses.



ST. PATRICK’S DAY POTLUCK DINNER

All parishioner, family, and friends are invited to

**St. Patrick’s Day Potluck Dinner
hosted by the Fellowship Circle on**

Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

Please sign up to bring a favorite dish to share and celebrate this festive event with an evening of food, friends and live Irish music!

STEWARDSHIP

February 9 offertory: — \$2,833

February Fuel Collection: — \$808

Projected amount needed: — \$2,980

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

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Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Bill, please offer a weekend ___ (or) weekday ___ Mass for the soul ___ (or) intentions ___ (as applicable) of:

Name _____

Person requesting _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City State Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Check enclosed ___ Envelope No. _____ We will Donate Online ___ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes ___ No ___

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week:

Dominic, Angie, Conrad, Nicholas, Noah, Joshua, Beth, Grace, Katherine, Bob, Mary-Jane, Grace, Annette, Annedda, David, Francis, Olga, Viola, Irene, Kyle, Laurie, Gloria, Mary, Irene, Maria.
Candle Intentions: Nicholas, Keith, Christine, Tadeusz, Andrzej, Jan.

Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests.

Prayer Shawls are also available by the prayer request box located near the candle stand on the rectory side of the church. Please read the information on the sheet above the prayer shawls.

Thank you, Mary Ann

**Donate Blood
In Memory of
Kenneth Joyce**



Kenneth Joyce died almost 12 years ago at the age of 13. His family were parishioners while residing in Andover, until Dr. Joyce moved into practice at St. Francis Hospital. Family then moved to Glastonbury.

BLOOD DRIVE

First Church of Christ

2183 Main Street, Glastonbury

Thursday, February 20th 12:30 pm—6:30 pm

For an appointment please contact 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800 733-2767) or visit redcrossblod.org and enter: Glastonbury

FEBRUARY YOUTH MASS

A big thank you to all the children who participated in our Youth Mass on Sunday, February 9th. You all did a wonderful job.

Soloist: Gabriella Chamberland

Altar Servers: Drew and Reid Tillmann

Lector: Savannah Schiebel

Ushers: Ethan Bigliuzzi, Diego Negron, Gabriella Chamberland, Penelope and Sebastian Orfitelli, Nico and Gio Girasoli



FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



**Operation Rice Bowl:
Our Lenten Program:
For Lent For Life**

For 47 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through Operation Rice Bowl --- a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving --- what you give up for Lent can give hope to the poorest of the poor. Make this Lenten season one of awareness, compassion, and reflection. Operation Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Norwich.

Details of this program will appear in next Sunday's Bulletin.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

Amazon Services Associates Program



Use the **a** link on our website. When you use the link **a** to Amazon on our website (www.saintmauricebolton.org). 4% of the purchase goes to St. Maurice.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Learn the tools of forgiveness and healing by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 27-29, 2020 in Albany, NY and Jul 10-12, 2020 in East Windsor, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>



Come Soar with the Eagles! East Catholic High School will offer an Information Session for families interested in pursuing admission on Thursday, February 27 from 5-7 pm. Please plan on dropping in to meet administrators, take mini-tours with student ambassadors, and have questions answered about the application process. Additionally, East will hold an entrance exam on Saturday, March 28 from 8:30- 12:00 pm; parents are welcome to stay for an information session while their students take the exam.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



The fair group will be starting in Ash Wednesday.

If you have any **jelly canning jars** or **pint jars** from the Fair or hidden in your basement we can put them to good use. Just leave them in the vestibule at church or at the Parish Center. If you bought products at the Fair we would love the jars to refill. We are thinking of spring and summer as the berries ripen and the large amount of **sugar** we need for these products.....so anytime you find a sale on sugar think of us and drop it off at church or the center. We use over 100 pounds of sugar in a season just for jam not to mention the mixes, candy and baking that fills the Fair with goodies. We also need **walnut shells** and metal **teaspoons**. **This is the Fair's 50th year so let us make it special. We want everyone to be involved.**

Thank you for your support — Dorli, Beth and Sharon



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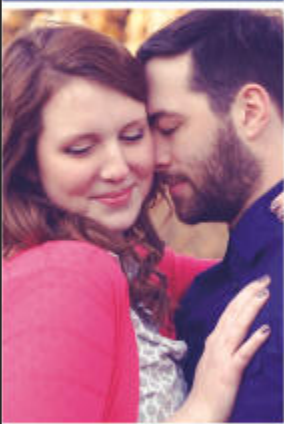


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